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Venezuela's Battle Isn't Over

VENEZUELA'S war against terrorists is not won yet.

Communist Cuba, which is the instigator, has proclaimed a step-up on all fronts by underground forces dedicated to creating a permanent crisis for the Venezuelan government.

Oil-rich Venezuela has been the prime target for subversion from Cuba since Fidel Castro took over. Prior to last year's election the FALN, as the terrorist organization is known, murdered, kidnapped and robbed in an effort to disrupt normal government.

With the successful election and the conviction of Cuba by the OAS of smuggling arms to the underground, the tide began to turn. Hundreds of Castro agents were arrested. Scattered bandit gangs were

chased into the hills and dispersed.

The new campaign of terror coincides with the mysterious trip to Africa by Ernesto "Che" Guevara, Cuba's renegade expert on subversion. Intelligence reports in Washington last week said "Che" is arranging to send arms from leftist African nations to Latin American Communist agents, a device to break the economic isolation of Cuba which is almost complete in this hemisphere.

The renewed campaign against Venezuela will fail, just as it failed before. But it will put a strain on the resources of a government that has steadily improved conditions for all Venezuelans.

The new phase of Cuban subversion simply points up the fact that it will never cease until the source of infection in Havana is eradicated.